

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010***

Present: Selectmen Rosanne Gilbert, Michael Woodworth, and Wes Moore. Others present include: Chief Reed, Chief Jeff Buxton, and Sue McKinnon.

Call to order: 5:05pm

FEMA approved the grant to replace the culvert on Bald Hill Road. The total cost of the project is \$70,833.42. FEMA will pay \$53,125.07 leaving a balance of \$17,708.35 for the Town to pay. The Selectmen will ask the Road Agent if there is enough money left in his budget to pay that amount.

Chief Reed made the following reports:

- the recent Library functions were incident free
- the COPS grant was turned down
- a resident needs a town permit to sell firearms in addition to his federal permit - Chief Reed will speak to the Town Planner about this.
- police unit 1 has scuff marks on the left rear from contact with a stone wall - the unit will be repaired.
- increasing the pay for part-time police officers was discussed

Fire Chief Jeff Buxton informed the Selectmen that their charity golf tournament was a success.

With the new fire truck arriving at the end of November, the Chief does not believe he will have any money left in his budget at the end of the year. Incidental items will be needed for the new fire truck. The fire association will pay for the truck decals, etc. The new truck will be delivered by trailer.

The old fire truck will be sold for \$56,000.00 which is more than double the amount originally estimated. The money will go into the general fund.

The town's fire rating should improve as more fire responders will be on each truck. Between 10 and 14 firemen will be able to ride in the trucks.

The Newfields Fire Department will share training with the Town of Newmarket. They will share in the costs for training. More people are volunteering for the Fire Department.

The fire department has very little storage space. Jeff asked for the Selectmen's opinion on using a temporary storage building. It would be placed on a gravel pad behind the back of the fire station so it will be out of sight. The Selectmen gave their permission.

The Selectmen discussed sick and vacation time accumulation for all employees and the Town's unfunded liability when employees retire.

Nancy was asked to obtain new long term/short term disability rates effective January 1st.

The federal forfeitures fund was discussed. Chief Reed said that he has sole control of this fund. Wes will look into the RSA governing the use of this account.

The third and final reading of accepting the handicap sign at Main Street Art took place. The police will now enforce the handicap parking at that location.

The following items were signed:

- Checks

- Land Use Change Tax

- Town Hall Rental Agreement (subject to police approval and receipt of a certificate of insurance)

- Warrant of the Election – changing the polling hours in November to 7am to 7pm

Employee benefits were discussed.

The meeting went into at non-public session at 6:50pm per RSA 91-A:3 II.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant

